

came to New Haven to study at the Yale School of Music and our great City has never been the same. Throughout his career, he has blended both his passion for music and his love for teaching—bringing his own unique magic to performances and classrooms alike.

For nearly five decades, Willie Ruff and his collaborator and pianist, Dwiki Mitchell, have enchanted audiences across the globe with the sweet tones of his French horn and bass. The duo has accomplished much in their time together, perhaps most notably for introducing jazz to both the Soviet Union and China. Perhaps even more impressive is that Mr. Ruff mastered Russian and Chinese—his seventh and eighth languages—so that he could bring the international language of music to them in their own tongues.

In addition to his outstanding achievements as a musician, Mr. Ruff has been a professor of music and Afro-American studies at Yale University for over thirty years. As the founder of the Duke Ellington Fellowship, he is also credited with bringing legendary jazz musicians to New Haven to teach at Yale and in the city's public schools. His work in establishing this unique program has brought the likes of Duke Ellington, Dizzy Gillespie, Pearl Bailey, Charlie Mingus and Ahmad Jamal among others, to perform for more than 150,000 city schoolchildren—providing an extraordinary opportunity for children who would not otherwise have the opportunity to experience such wonderful artistry.

I have often spoke of my firm belief in the importance of educating our young people in the arts in any medium. Over the course of his career, whether through his inspirational melodies or his dedication to teaching, Willie Ruff's generosity and commitment has touched the lives of thousands—making a real difference in their lives. I am honored to join with Albertus Magnus College as they bestow upon him an honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters in recognition of his many contributions to our community.

AMENDING THE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DESIGNATION OF CRITICAL HABITAT IN HAWAII

HON. PATSY T. MINK

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 20, 2002

Mrs. MINK of Hawaii. Mr. Speaker, on May 2, 2002, I introduced H.R. 4656, which calls on the government to produce scientific support for the taking of 99,000 acres of land on the island of Kauai as critical habitat for the protection, preservation, and rehabilitation of specific endangered species.

The Endangered Species Act calls for a recovery plan for the preservation of each of the endangered species prior to the designation of critical habitat. I have read the 1998 so-called recovery plans for the endangered species on Kauai and found that the basic plan for all were to fence in the areas, keep the pigs, goats, rats, and other animals out of the area, keep the alien plants that are encroaching the areas under control, and to harbor the seeds, germplasm, and plants at the National Tropical Botanical Gardens. I hardly consider this a

"recovery" plan. My conclusion is the Fish and Wildlife Service, FWS, merely produced a textbook variety plan for all the species and drew arbitrary lines around the sites and came up with a compound consisting of 99,000 acres, nearly one third of the island of Kauai.

My bill merely seeks compliance to the Endangered Species Act by requesting scientific basis for each designation of the critical habitat for each species, endangered or threatened. Further, it asks for peer review by the National Academy of Science of both the recovery plan as well as the final designation.

With H.R. 4656, I do not seek an exemption for Hawaii. All I seek is fairness.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING
RICHARD SCHOOL

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 20, 2002

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, whereas, Richard School has reached the safety milestone of One Million Miles driven without a preventable accident; and

Whereas, Richard School has been awarded the rank of "Individual Million Mile Safe Driver", a rank of accomplishment reached by only a few professional drivers; and

Whereas, Richard School must be commended for his service to the community, providing safe transportation on our nation's highways;

Therefore, I join with the residents of the entire 18th Congressional District in recognizing Richard School as a recipient of the Individual Million Mile Safe Driver award.

BOYER GRADUATE SCHOOL OF
EDUCATION

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 20, 2002

Ms. SANCHEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to support the Boyer Graduate School of Education as it continues its efforts to obtain accreditation by accrediting bodies recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

The School, which offers a Doctor of Education program, was founded in 1999 and relocated to California's 46th Congressional District in 2001.

The mission of the Boyer Graduate School of Education is to offer distance learning educational opportunities at a reasonable cost to qualified English-speaking applicants throughout the world. The school has a particular focus on adults, employed on a full-time basis, and for those whose place of residence, travel requirements, or finances are constraining factors.

The mission of the institution is accomplished through a course of instruction presented on a directed independent study basis supplemented by short-term focused seminars leading to a Doctor of Education degree. While material and instruction are presented primarily through indirect methodology, program content and academic standards are consistent with, and comparable to, regionally

accredited resident programs in the same discipline at the same degree level.

The institution acts to fulfill the purposes of the Doctor of Education Program through appropriate coursework, coupled with continuing direction, evaluation of student progress, and regular assessment of student learning outcomes, by qualified faculty.

Recognizing the importance of accreditation to the credibility of the institution, I urge the accrediting bodies to review the Boyer Graduate School of Education, its faculty, and curriculum in an objective and timely manner.

HONORING SISTER MARY FAITH
GEELAN AS SHE RECEIVES AN
HONORARY DOCTORATE OF HU-
MANE LETTERS FROM
ALBERTUS MAGNUS COLLEGE

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 20, 2002

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, is with great pleasure that I rise today to join Albertus Magnus College in congratulating Sister Mary Faith Geelan as she is awarded an honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters. Sister Mary Faith was born and raised in New Haven and later entered into the Dominican Sisters of Saint Mary, Albertus' founding order, where she currently serves as prioress—leading the 300-member international congregation.

The daughter of former U.S. Congressman James Patrick Geelan, Sister Mary Faith followed his example of public service throughout her life. A teacher, principal, administrator, social worker, and spiritual leader, Sister Mary Faith has generously dedicated her life to making a difference in the lives of others. As a teacher and administrator, she touched the lives of thousands of children, providing them with a strong academic foundation on which to build their futures. In her role as a social worker, she worked in family therapy, bringing families closer together and helping to strengthen the bonds between them. Her good work with children and families is a reflection of her continued commitment to enrich the community.

First and foremost, Sister Mary Faith has committed herself to service within the Dominican Sisters of Saint Mary. Their mission is to fulfill the motto of the Dominicans—"to contemplate and to give to others the fruits of contemplation." Past president of the Dominican Leadership Conference, vice chairperson of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious, Region VI, member of New York City's Dominican Academy, Mohun Health Care Center, Ohio Dominican College, and Albertus Magnus College—Sister Mary Faith certainly continues to exemplify the Dominican motto. Her dedication, generosity, and commitment are unparalleled and her good work continues to inspire others throughout the Order.

In joining Albertus' founding order, Sister Mary Faith found a way to use her chosen path to benefit her hometown community. Albertus Magnus College has been fortunate to have Sister Mary Faith Geelan as a member of their Board and I am honored to join with them today as they bestow upon her an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters in recognition of all of her good work.